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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAMESE EVACUEES

1. THIS IS TO ALERT YOU TO OUR NEED TO ENLIST YOUR HELP IN RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO SOME EVACUEES FROM VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA PROCEEDING TO US BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, IF THIS SHOULD BE REQUIRED. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF VIETNAMESE PAROLED TO US WILL BE TRAVELLING FROM GUAM BY CHARTER FLIGHTS AND WILL NOT DISEMBARK AT EITHER HONOLULU OR SAN FRANCISCO SO THAT YOUR ROLE WILL BE CONFINED TO ONLY A SMALL PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL NUMBERS.

2. TYPES OF PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE WOULD CONTEMPLATE YOUR PROVIDING FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE, AS REQUIRED, WOULD INCLUDE FORMER LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF EMBASSIES SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH, SENIOR GKR AND GVN OFFICIALS, OTHER PROMINENT CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE FIGURES, AND OTHERS IN WHOM THERE IS SPECIAL HIGH LEVEL INTEREST. UNABLE TO GIVE YOU UNCLASSIFIED

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AT THIS STAGE ANY IDEA OF THE NUMBERS LIKELY TO BE IN-

VOLVED.

3. WE ARE ASKING PRINCIPAL STAGING AREAS AND EXIT POINTS
IN ASIA TO NOTIFY YOUR OFFICES OF EXPECTED VIETNAMESE OR

CAMBODIAN ARRIVALS REQUIRING YOUR ASSISTANCE. WE WOULD
ALSO APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE TO
EMBASSY EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS WHO CONTACT YOU FOR
ASSISTANCE.

4. PLEASE KEEP US ADVISED OF SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPS,
AND WHETHER YOUR RESOURCES ARE BECOMING OVERTAXED. WE
MIGHT BE ABLE TO ATTACH TO YOUR STAFF TEMPORARILY SEV-
ERAL FORMER LOCAL EMPLOYEES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM (OR
CAMBODIA) WHO ARE EMIGRATING TO US. THEY COULD HELP
IDENTIFY TYPES OF PERSONNEL DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 AND PRO-
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